

My name is Karen Jackson as resident and a registered voter in Bridgeport, Connecticut. I am more importantly a mother of three boys 8 and under who are being "educated" in the Bridgeport Public Schools. Unfortunately I cannot physically be in the Legislative Building to testify on February 22, 2012 hearing:

1. I cannot financially travel there from Bridgeport.
2. I would be unable to pick up my children from school on time for 1:50pm and 3pm pic-ups.

Arriving at 7:30am seems to be the assured time to speak within the 10am hearing.

3. I cannot afford 40 copies to submit to the committee. So sending my testimony via e-mail and taking my children out of school and bringing them with me to the hearing without an automobile are my only choices.

I did not appreciate the fact that the public participation was deemed as 'extraneous.' My inability to give testimony(s) on the 14 proposed bills. I demand that the public have a public hearing if one was not already given at the time of this email.

#### S.B. No. 104 (RAISED) AN ACT PERMITTING MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES TO SERVE AS CITATION HEARING OFFICERS

Upon taking time out of my busy schedule to review and comment on the proposed bill that every citizen must take advantage of two sections that stood out & struck & scared me at the same time the two subsections detailed below of S.B. No. 104 (RAISED) AN ACT PERMITTING MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES TO SERVE AS CITATION HEARING OFFICERS. What also struck is the title has nothing to do with what the bill is really about that in itself was deceptively disconcerting so I read more.

(9) of section 53a-3, as amended by this act, in their  
7 respective precincts, shall arrest, without previous complaint and  
8 warrant, any person for any offense in their jurisdiction, when the  
9 person is taken or apprehended in the act or on the speedy information  
10 of others,

11 provisions of section (b) Sworn members of any local police department, outside of their  
16 respective precincts, when on duty, may arrest, without previous  
17 complaint and warrant, any person for any offense when the person is  
18 taken or apprehended in the act or on the speedy information of  
19 others.

Section (b) scares me most of all. A unmarked vehicle, a undercover dressed outside of their respective precincts bearing no insignia would command flight from the about to be apprehended individual(s) without previous complaint or warrant. I demand that those provisions be removed from the proposed bill.

Along with those objection Municipal employees includes but are not limited to our elected officials and to fear arrest and or apprehension while stating/voicing "free speech" is a violation of my 1<sup>st</sup> amendment rights and a violation of the Connecticut Constitution

Thank you for reminding me as a citizen I must read bills that affect my family and community's life to be free to choose. This includes knowing who "others" or knowing who the accuser(s) for any reason. For example a scenario: My neighbor or anyone can report that I am having peaceful gatherings without noise pollution in my home or outside my home once a week. So I and or my guests can be apprehended for any created offense created through a simple report by "others." Section 53a-3, as amended by this act takes away all my and or our constitutional rights of habeas corpus and I demand that provision including the amended section 53a-3 be summarily removed our civil rights to a summons with the force of a court order; it is addressed to the custodian (a prison official for example) and demands that a prisoner be taken before the court, and that the custodian present proof of authority, allowing the court to determine whether the custodian has lawful authority to detain the person. If the custodian does not have authority to detain the prisoner, then he must be released from custody. The prisoner, or another person acting on his or her behalf, may petition the court, or a judge, for a writ of *habeas corpus*. One reason for the writ to be sought by a person other than the prisoner is that the detainee might be held incommunicado.

S.B. No. 103 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOL NONEDUCATIONAL SERVICES

*The money appropriated by any*

*21 municipality for the maintenance of public schools shall be expended  
22 by and in the discretion of the board of education. Except as provided  
23 in this subsection, any such board may transfer any unexpended or  
24 uncontracted-for portion of any appropriation for school purposes to  
25 any other item of such itemized estimate.*

*22 by and in the discretion of the board of education. Except as provided  
23 in this subsection, any such board may transfer any unexpended or  
24 uncontracted-for portion of any appropriation for*

The above subsection and or number lines must reflect accountably for expenditures along with transparency of how all the funds are spent or unspent along with where and whom were the funds transferred.

As a Bridgeport resident and Parent Leader for the past 8yrs there has been a deficit in the Bridgeport Public Schools which is a violation of Connecticut Judicial statues. I do not have the confidence in the present appointed board of education in the face of the looming Supreme Court pending the decision to eliminate their appointments and reinstate our right as citizens according to section 2 of the Connecticut Constitution to elect our Board of Education members as afforded other municipalities. I strongly feel that all appropriated funds by the municipality expended and un-expended funds must be itemized with full transparency for view quarterly for the public on the Board of Education website, CT-N or local community television like Soundview community television should be included in this proposed bill. Please do not forget about the Parents to have shared control over our children education.

**S.B. No.106 AN ACT CONCERNING THE EMPLOYMENT OF PRIVATE DETECTIVES BY MUNICIPALITIES**

Section 1. Section 7-283 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective October 1, 2012):  
3 (a) No [municipal corporation] municipality shall employ private  
4 detectives in the investigation or detection of crime at an expense of  
5 more than [five hundred] two thousand dollars unless (1) a specific  
6 appropriation therefor has been made, [nor unless] (2) the authorities  
7 [thereof]

Why include [municipal corporation] and not just municipalities. I am unclear or all municipalities corporations? If not. Then then proposed bill is stating that the municipalities can employ private detectives and peace officers of that sort. The municipal corporation wording must be removed.

**S.B. No. 5156 AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE WAYS IN WHICH MUNICIPALITIES MAY PROVIDE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF.**

As a Bridgeport transplanted resident I feel I have a more objective view as to how the City of Bridgeport municipality can provide tax relief. By starting by issuing \$250- \$500 citations to residing and non-resident property owners with powers of citation given to traffic officers and sanitation officers. There is no reason to have your property laced with garbage, uncut lawns, broken fences, and permanently un-functioning vehicles. And I will guarantee you would not be able to know you have driven from Fairfield into Bridgeport because the cleanliness continues.

**S.B. No. 5159 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT.**

As a frequent commuter on the City of Bridgeport transportation system i.e. buses. The routes are redundant and unnecessary in most sections and not utilized in high walking traffic areas like all along Boston Avenue, a route just for Barnum Avenue for example. A climate survey on more vertical and or direct planned routes needs to be annually implemented to the public and public participation primary. In addition the transportation proposals must include an enclosed and warm covering for rainy and wintery days along with more efficient and direct routes.

Thank you for taking time out to read my testimony. Please keep in mind the sacrifice and the adornment of my community will always be my catalyst for positive change that benefits the communities.

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